

Minutes for Mental Health Planning Council
December 1, 2010
Charlottesville Region 10 CSB
500-502 Old Lynchburg Road
Charlottesville VA

Attendees:

MHPC members : Anne Burhans, Mary Anne Beall, Melissa Harless Donna Sue M. Harmon, James A. Johnson, Brian Parrish, Paula Price, Becky Sterling, Jim Martinez, Mary Kaye Johnston, Donna Wenzel, Ann Cutshall, Bonnie Neighbour, Katherine Hunter,

MHPC Staff: Pat Palmer and Rhonda Thissen

Guests: Paul Abrams, Bryon Stith, Ray Beall and Malaina Poole

Absent: Ann Benner, Mira Signer, Vicki Hardy-Murrell, Susan Williams, Pierre Ames, Lisa U. Goodwin, Lisa Moore, Irene Walker-Bolton, Catherine Hancock, Betty Etzler, Lynette Isabel, Patricia Meyer, Steven Peed, Carol F. Ulrich, Michael Pendrak, Joe Speidel, Alison Hymes and Jack Wood

The meeting was called to order 10:10 am

Byron Stith was a guest interested in applying for membership.

There were no public comments.

Main concern in beginning of meeting was whether there was a quorum available to vote on approving the minutes as well as voting on the proposed Bylaws and change of officers. A late arriving member gave us a quorum of 15 members and allowed for voting.

Rhonda Thissen expressed concern on the issue of not having a quorum for the last few meetings. Is there a mechanism in place for removing members who are not participating? There was group discussion regarding how to reduce number of inactive people correctly, term limits. Becky Sterling will check who has been inactive for a year.

The Bylaw committee recommended the proposed Bylaws with change to Membership article 4 section 2 state "state representative after social services –insert Medicaid- this change was proposed and seconded.

In discussion decided yes or no vote to Bylaws. "If you wish to accept in their entirety vote yes"- 15 yes votes.

Paula Price was representative on the nominating committee, Present slate-Officers President- Susan Williams, Vice President-Mira Signer, Secretary-Donna Sue Harmon.

No other nominations for positions were offered. Mary Anne Beall move to and it was seconded. Those nominations were voted on and unanimous accepted as our new officers for the 2011 year.

James Johnson read the minutes from July 2010 for approval.

Minutes were accepted from the July and October meeting.

Agenda change to have committees meet at the end of the day if time allows.

Discussion on voting on Bryon Stith as member at large, there are also 2 other applicants so it was decided that the Membership committee will review all applications and vote on group of three applicants. New President can select new chairman of Membership committee. Mary Anne Beall as a Membership representative expressed a need for a procedure to be put in place to communicate to pending applicant.

Rhonda Thissen can post whatever a group needs to show on the website.

Vocal representative Brian Parrish spoke on the presentation of the Block Grant-Peer Review, Bonnie Neighbour also spoke.

Break for lunch 12:30

Resumed meeting at 1:00

Paul Abrams (434-970-2148, paula@region10.org, www.vhstonline.org) He spoke on Va Human Services Training Center, funded in part by the Block Grant.

Jim Martinez spoke on DBHDS.

There were no reports from Adult, Senior Adult, Membership and the Budget committees. The Bylaw committee expressed happiness at the approval of the changes to the Bylaws. Now they will move on to procedural questions, attendance, and removal for cause, membership issues and nominating and advocacy guidelines.

The first meeting of the New Year will be Wednesday February 16th in Richmond. At that time we will plan and discuss the schedule for 2011. Tentative meetings dates could be meeting the third Wednesday every other month. Future dates for meetings will be agreed to at the first meeting in February in accordance with the new Bylaws.

There was also discussion of having a special meeting in late summer to go over the block grant draft.

Break out into subcommittees-Bylaws, Adult and Children committee.

The Mental Health Planning Council meeting adjourned at appx. 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Pat Palmer
Mental Health Planning Council
Administrative Support